

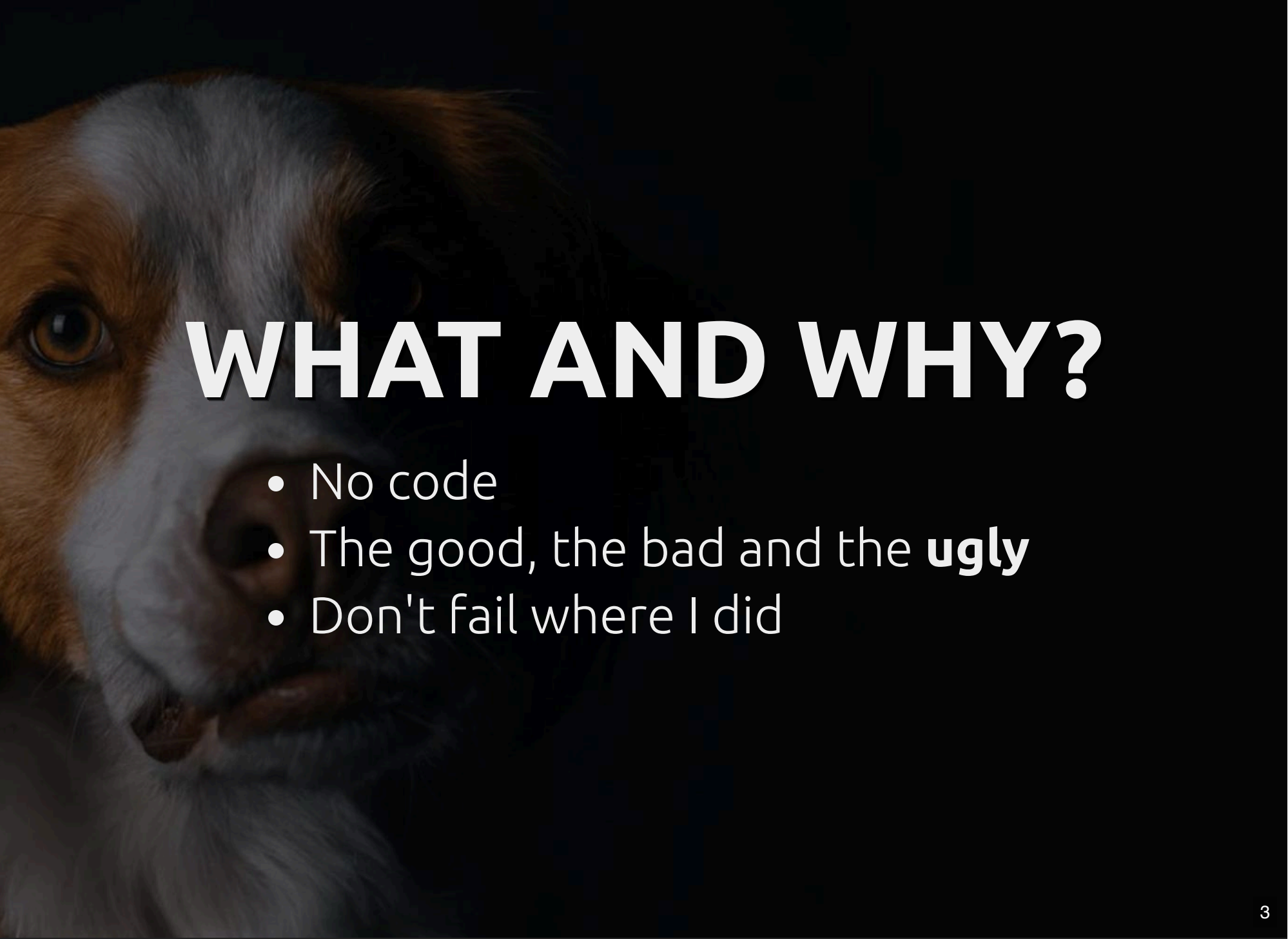
HOW TO TRAVEL TO INDIANA FOR $200?

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ABOUT ME

- iOS Engineer at SoundCloud
- From Costa Rica, living in Berlin
- Coffee, dad jokes, and wrestling
- @leopyc





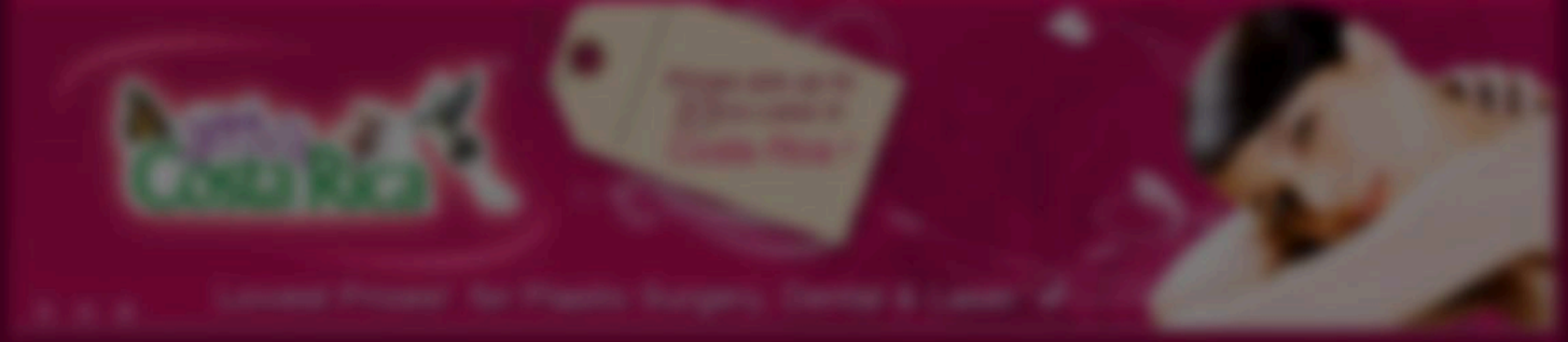
WHAT AND WHY?

- No code
- The good, the bad and the **ugly**
- Don't fail where I did



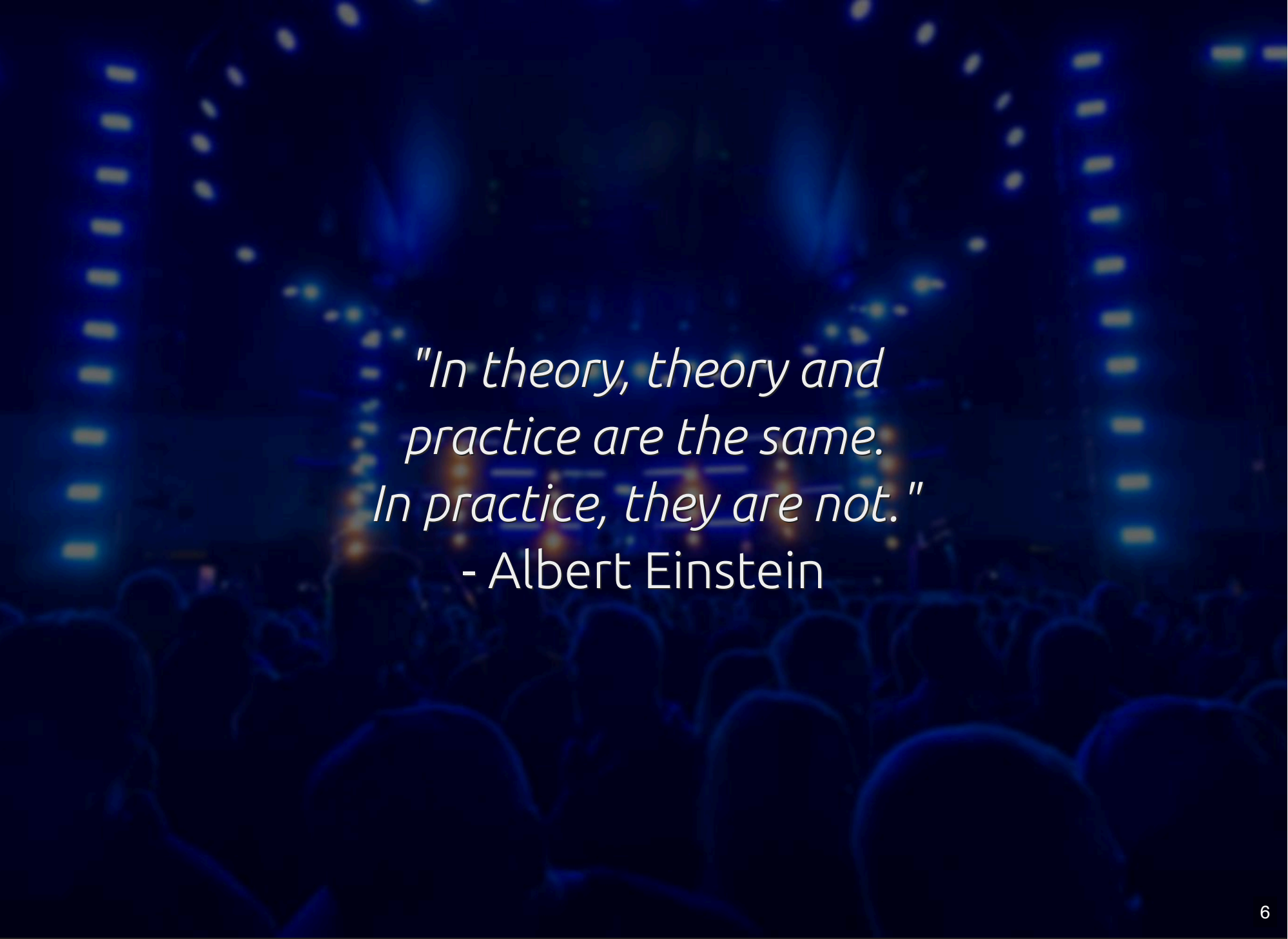
UPBRINGING

- Security guard, stay at home mom
- Average grades
- Studied Advertising, Software
- Not the smartest person in the room



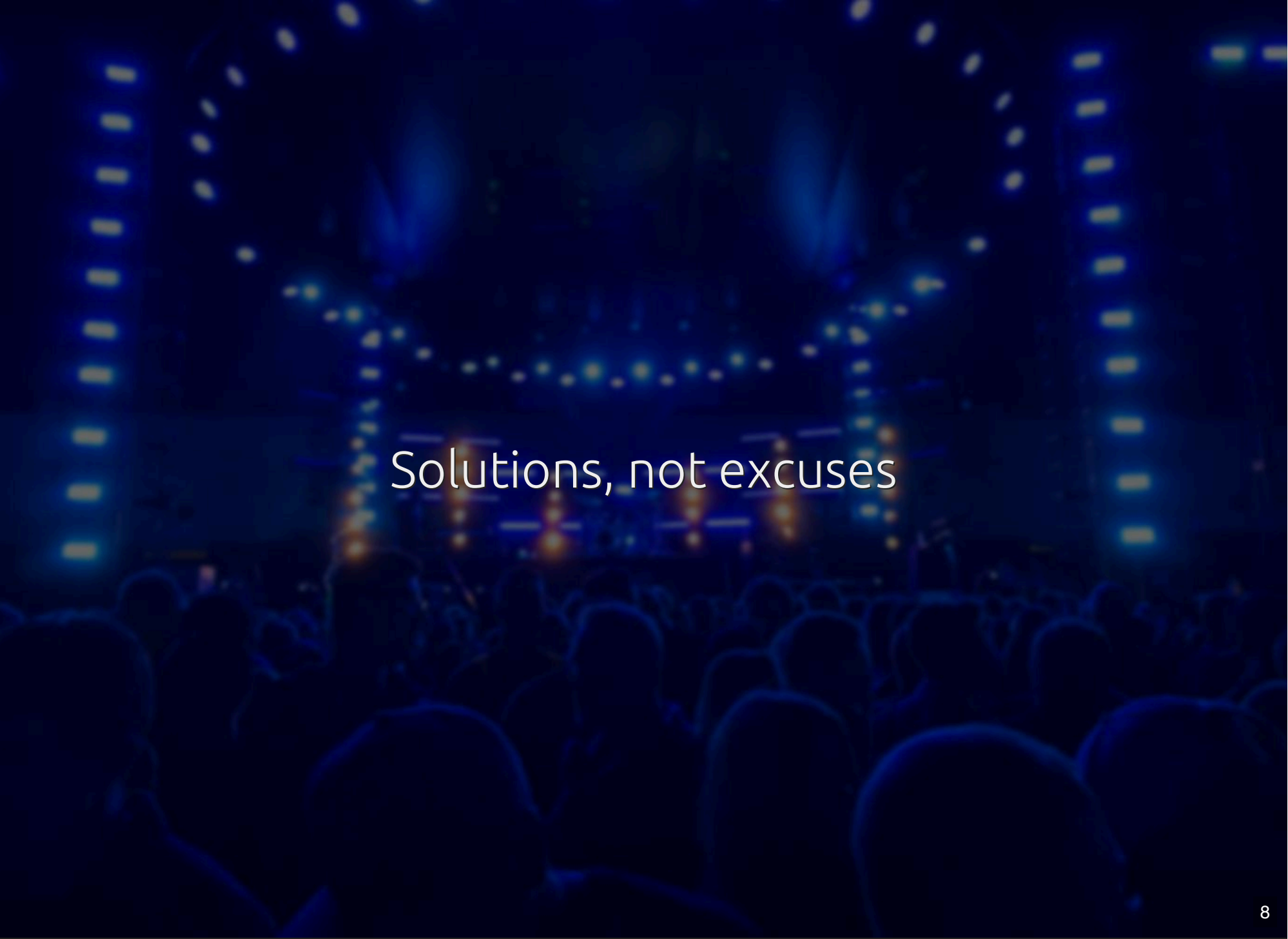
"I HAVE HTML FOR BREAKFAST"

- **What?** Web Development Supervisor
- **Pros** software development, pm experience
- **Cons** still no light at the end of the tunnel


"In theory, theory and
practice are the same.
In practice, they are not."
- Albert Einstein

MR MANAGER

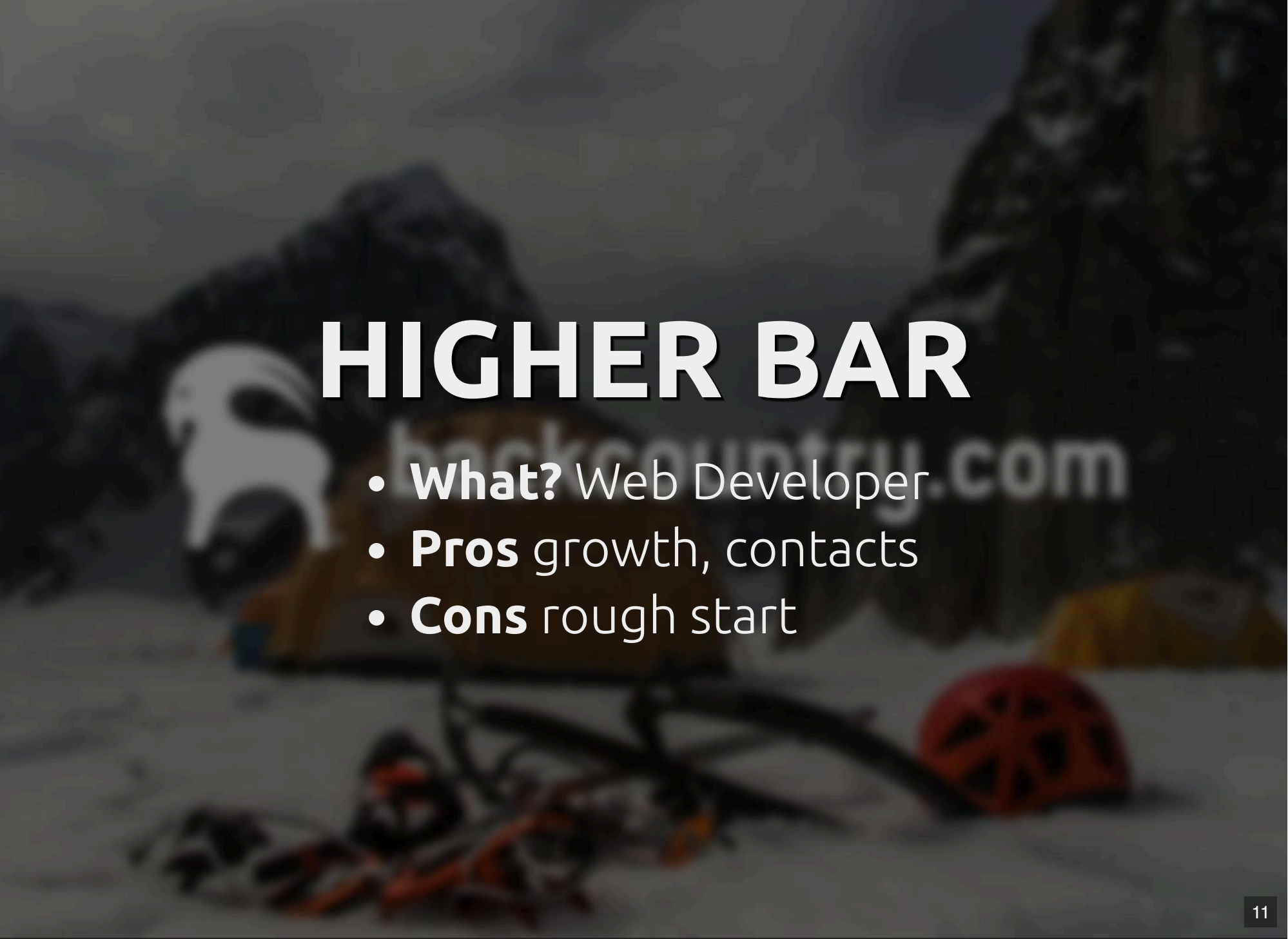
- **What?** Project Manager
- **Pros** new technologies
- **Cons** unprepared, overworked


Solutions, not excuses

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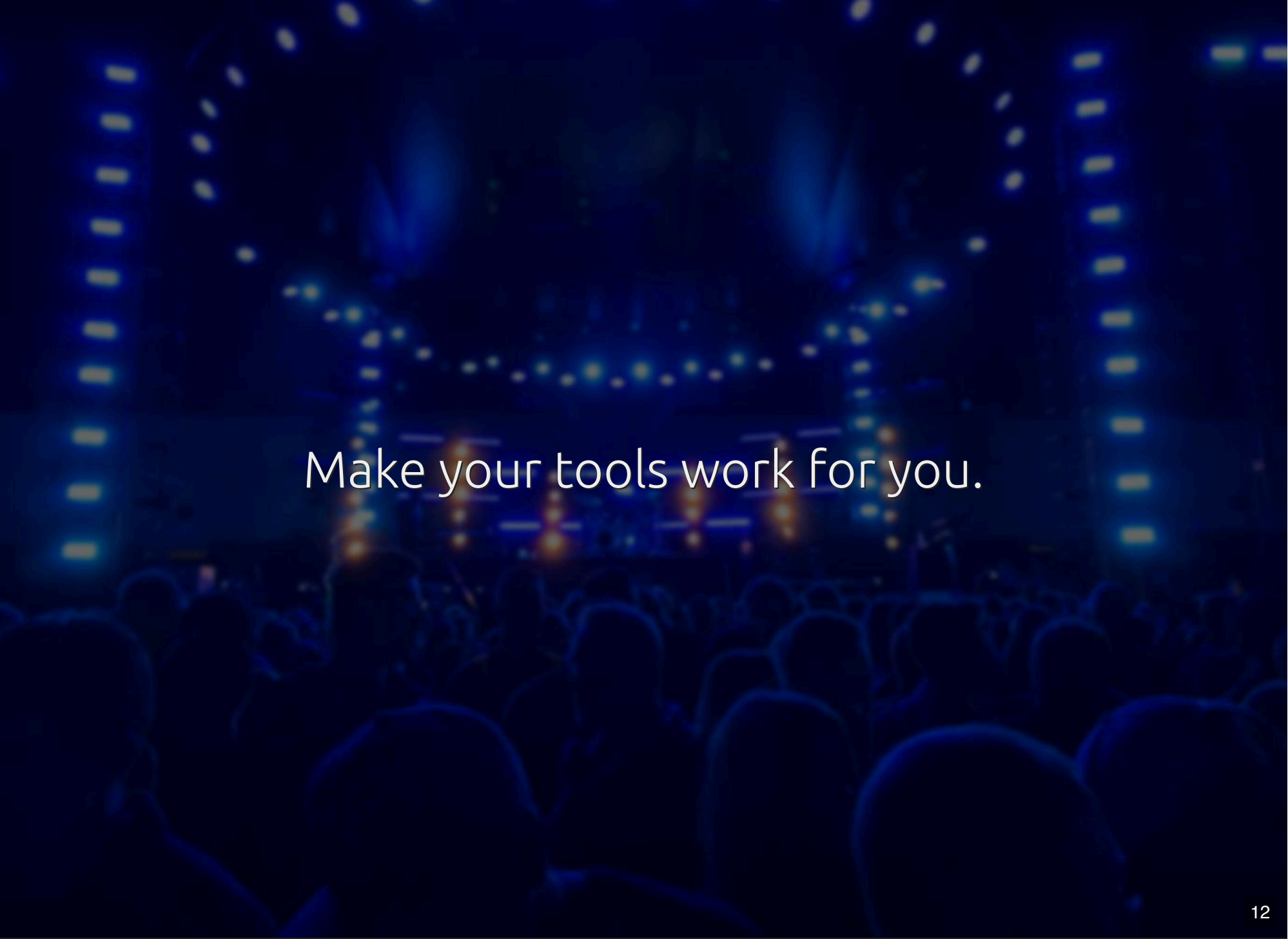
- **What?** Lead Web Developer
- **Pros** growth, teaching experience
- **Cons** putting out fires


Run from people who
don't want you to learn



HIGHER BAR

- **What?** Web Developer
- **Pros** growth, contacts
- **Cons** rough start


Make your tools work for you.

COSTA RICAN WORK LAW

- **3 months** probationary period
- **1 month** notice*
- Changing jobs takes 4 months


"It's not personal,
it's strictly business"
goes both ways

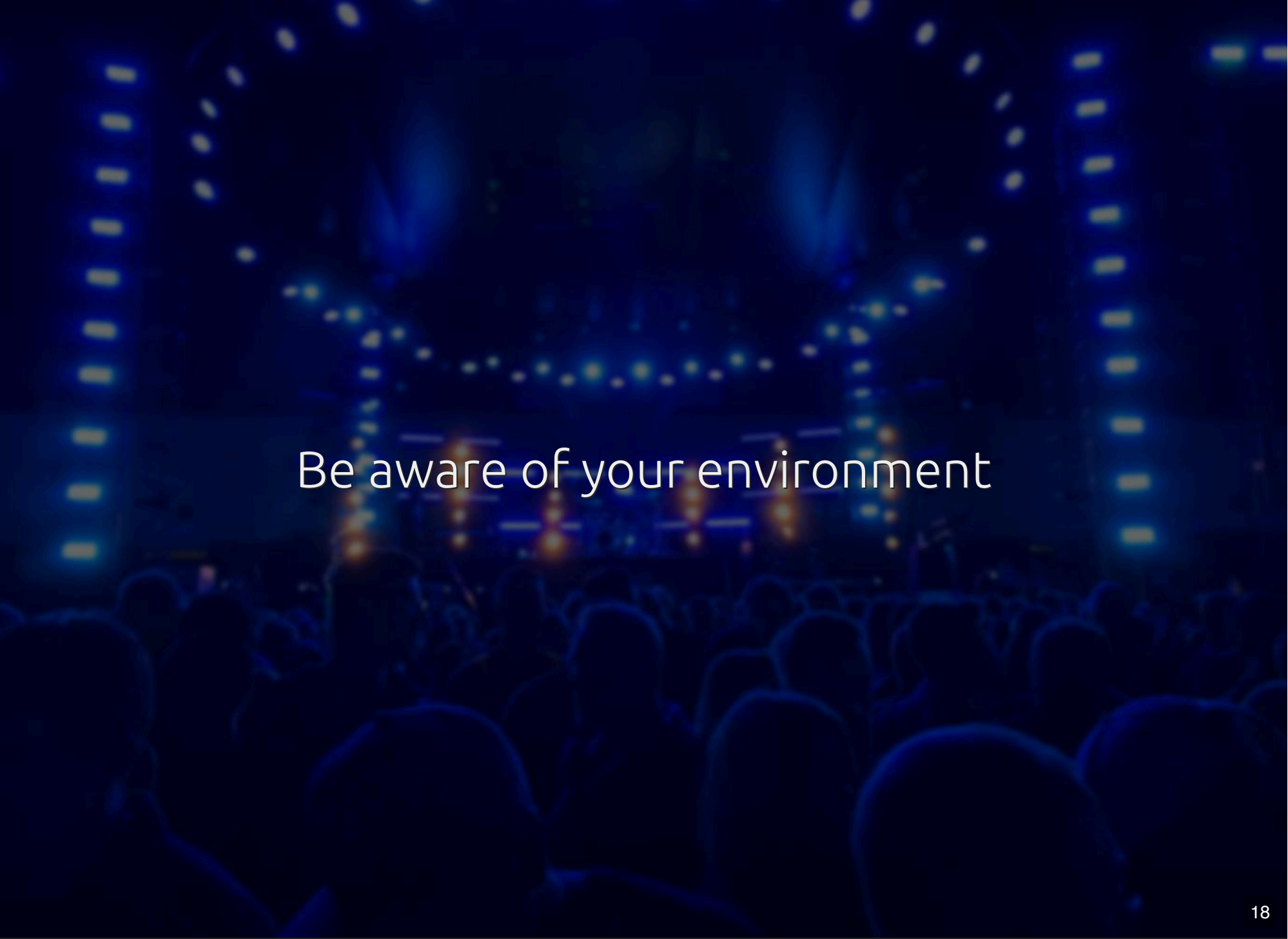
HIGHER BAR

- **What?** Mobile Developer
- **Pros** great team, out of comfort zone
- **Cons** my heart was not on it

DOWNSIZING

- **What?** Full-Stack/Mobile Developer
- **Pros** Swift, App Store
- **Cons** lone wolf

Student: "What happens if it crashes?"
Teacher: "If it crashes, we'll fix it, together"
- Harold Aguilar


Be aware of your environment

#5.5 MAKING A MARK

- **What?** Anything and everything
- **Pros** exposure, technological confidence
- **Cons** throwing money away, endless grind


Be aware of echo chambers


People will follow leaders,
even when they shouldn't

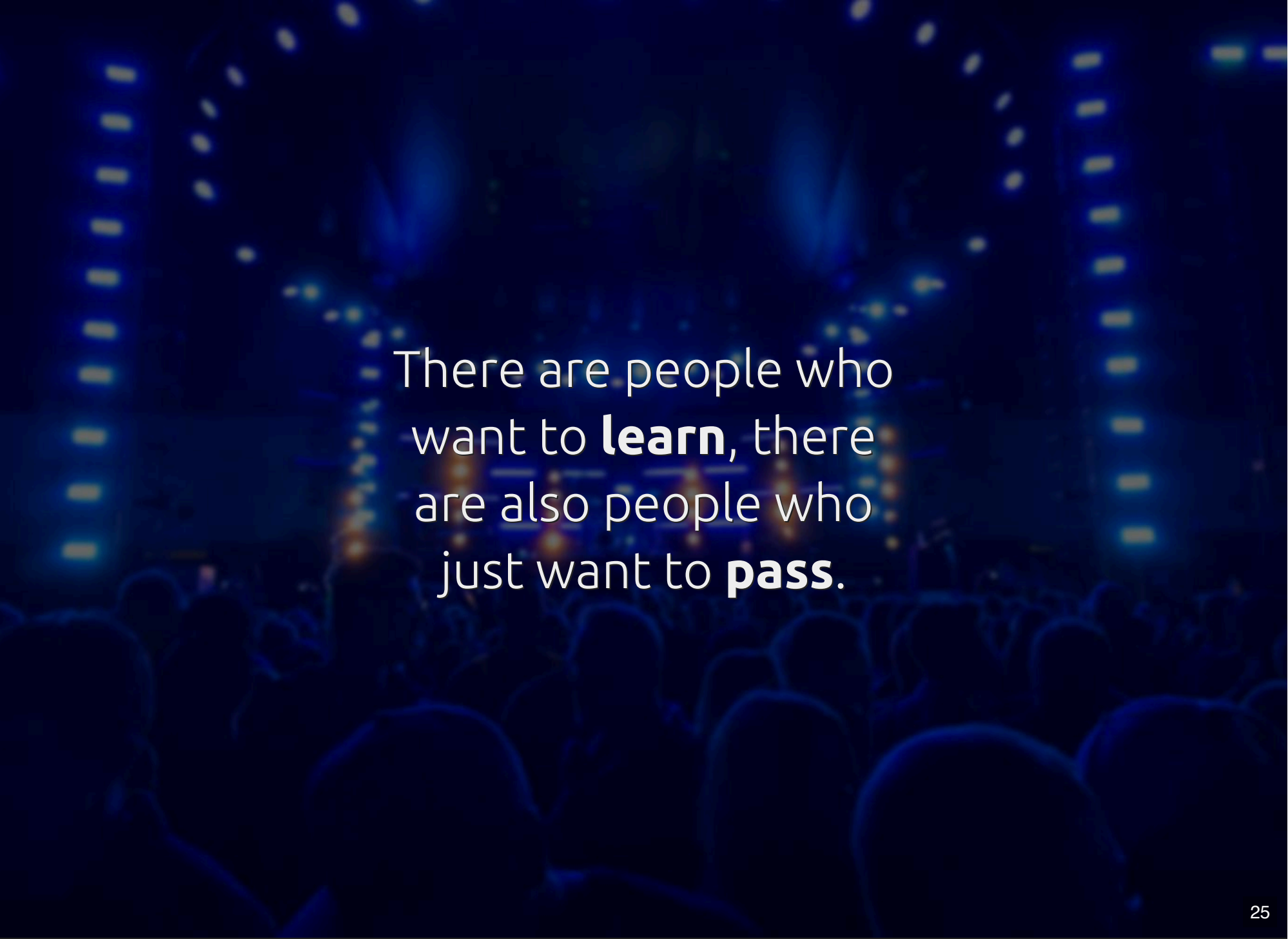
"CONVENIENCE FOR YOU..."

- **What?** iOS Engineer
- **Pros** Swift, compensation, opportunities
- **Cons** first remote, stopped growing, minority


You won't always get
what you want. Make
sure you are okay with
your compromises.

#6.5 "LAST CHANCE"

- **What?** Web Development Professor
- **Cons** bucket list
- **Pros** unsupported


There are people who want to **learn**, there are also people who just want to **pass**.

VALIDATION

- **What?** iOS Engineer
- **Pros** problems at scale, so much to learn!
- **Cons** ??


THANK YOU

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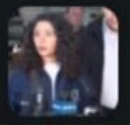
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- Tuition alone was $3500
- Total cost around $7000
- Student budget

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Leo Picado @leopyc · Oct 14, 2014
@elevenfifty super! do you guys have any online resources that may or may not have been featured in MTV Cribs that could help?

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Eleven Fifty Academy @elevenfifty · Oct 15, 2014
@leopyc Our resources involve immersive training, bruh. And it works: ow.ly/CNxwq

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Leo Picado @leopyc · Oct 15, 2014
@elevenfifty i'm sure you guys are legit :), but I don't live in the US and live of a working student's budget, so it's a tough sell...

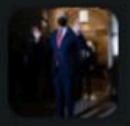
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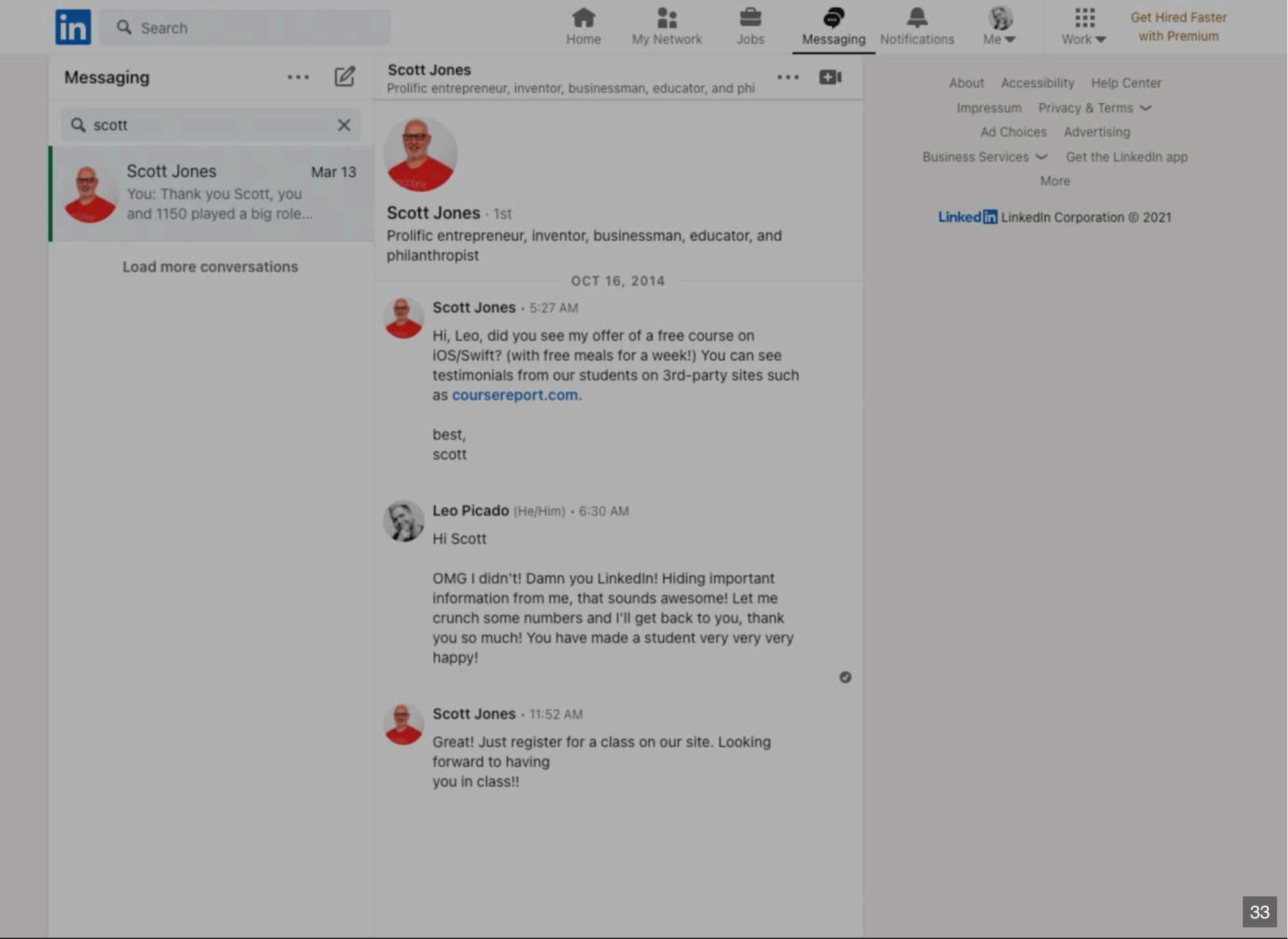


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Scott Jones · 1st
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Scott Jones · 5:27 AM
Hi, Leo, did you see my offer of a free course on iOS/Swift? (with free meals for a week!) You can see testimonials from our students on 3rd-party sites such as coursereport.com.
best,
scott
Leo Picado (He/Him) · 6:30 AM
Hi Scott
OMG I didn't! Damn you LinkedIn! Hiding important information from me, that sounds awesome! Let me crunch some numbers and I'll get back to you, thank you so much! You have made a student very very very happy!
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Great! Just register for a class on our site. Looking forward to having
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